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EXDIS FOR AMB. MCHENRY FROM ASST. SEC. MAYNES

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PORC, PDEV, UNGA, HQ

SUBJECT: TACTICS ON PUERTO RICO IN COMMITTEE OF 24

REF; USUN 3486

1. I HAVE CONSIDERED YOUR REQUEST THAT U.S. NOT PUT FORWARD ITS PREFERRED WORDING TO INDIANS FOR PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 4. AFTER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT FACTORS REFLECTED IN YOUR TELEGRAM, I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD PUT FORWARD OUR PREFERRED WORDING. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE GIVEN YOU TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY TO FALL BACK TO THE WORDING YOU PROPOSED IF THE INDIANS, UPON CONSIDERING OUR TEXT, INFORM US THAT THEY NEED MORE IN ORDER TO ATTRACT SUFFICIENT SUPPORT. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I CAN SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT TEST THE WATERS BY PUTTING FORWARD THE BEST POSSIBLE LANGUAGE. THE INDIANS ARE ON THE COMMITTEE NOT THE U.S. THE INDIANS HAVE HAD MORE CANDID AND COMPLETE
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CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE THAN WE HAVE HAD. FOR THAT REASON, WE AGREE THAT YOU NEED TO BE ARMED WITH TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY AND YOU HAVE IT. AT THE SAME TIME, WE OBVIOUSLY ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING AS MUCH AS THE INDIANS BELIEVE THE TRAFFIC WILL BEAR.

2. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE YOU TO SUGGEST TO THE INDIANS THAT AN APPROPRIATE REFERENCE TO PARAGRAPH 9 OF GA RESOLUTION 748 MIGHT BE SOMETHING ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES. WE RECOGNIZE THE INDIANS DID NOT VOTE FOR THIS RESOLUTION AND THAT ON THOSE GROUNDS ALONE THEY MIGHT REFUSE TO INCLUDE REFERENCE. BUT AGAIN WE CAN SEE NO HARM IN EXPLORING THIS WITH THE INDIANS WITH WHOM WE ENJOY CLOSE AND COLLABORATIVE RELATIONS.

3. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS WITH BEN READ, WHO AGREES. CHRISTOPHER

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